Threat to the feeder canal of Farakka by erosion

3208. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether erosion poses a serious threat to the feeder canal of Farakka; and

(b) if so, what immediate and effective steps Government propose to take to stop erosion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Erosion is observed at some points on the right bank of the river Ganga. The Farakka Barrage Project Organisation has been attending to the required protection works for the project complex.

Increase in issue price of rice

3209. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue price of rice has recently been raised; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The issue prices of rice have been revised with effect from 10-10-1985, as a consequence of the increase in the support prices of paddy for the kharif marketing season, 1985-86.

IFFCO's gas based fertiliser project

3210. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IFFCO's gas based fertiliser project at Anola is be stt with problems on account of shortage of critical materials like cement and steel;

(b) whether it is a fact that the project authority is importing cement, steel and steel pipes, etc;

(c) whether the domestic production of the above is capable of meeting the requirements of the project; and

(d) whether importing of these items is likely to raise the project cost, if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) IFFCO's Fertiliser Project at Anola experience problems on account of shortage of cement and steel during June-August, 1985. This was, however, overcome by obtaining supplies of cement and billets out of imported materials arranged by the canalised agencies to meet the short-fall. Procurement of some of the Carbon Steel Pipes has been reserved from Indian sources only. Other pipes and structural steel for the project are being purchased under the procurement procedure of World Bank and Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, as the case may be, in accordance with the approved financing pattern.

(c) and (d) The requirements of the Project for the said materials is met from imported sources to the extent domestic producers are unable to supply according to the time schedule for implementation of the project. The impact on the project cost on this account is likely to be marginal.

Shopping centres in pitampura area of Delhi

3211. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.D.A. have earmarked local shopping centres in the Pitampura area of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps are being taken to construct these local shopping centres in the area;

(d) the manner in which, the local shopping centres will be allocated;

(e) whether area is also earmarked for commercial purpose in the Pitampura area; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, locality wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 5 Local Shopping Centres one each in Block F (Uttri) Block G (Uttri) Block L (Uttri), Block D (Poorvi) and block V (Poorvi) have been provided. Out of the layout, plans or 2 Local Shopping Centres in Block L and D have been finalised and sent to the engineers concerned for execution. Designing of 2 Local Shopping Centres have beend awrdded to Private consultants and the remaining one is yet to be designed.

(d) As per policy, the shops constructed by the DDA order various schemes are disposed by Public Auction. Reservation is also made for allotment of built up shops etc. in favour of various categories like SC/ST persons whose land has been adquired, Ex-servicemen, Freedom Fighters and physically handcapped persons The allotment of shops to these persons is made by inviting applications tenders.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Commercial area in Pitampura has been earmarked both at Master Plan as well as at Local levels. At the Master plan level, a Distt. Centre at the T-junction of Ring Road an 150 fe. road leading to Pitampura has been earmarked. At the local level, beside the above stated local shopping centres, sites for Community Centre and convenient Shopping Centre have also been earmarked. The number of convenient shopping centres is approx. 22 exclusive of the site in the Cooperative Development.

Beautification of Pitampura area

3212. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.D.A. have formulated a comprehensive scheme for plantation and beautifying the Pitampura area of Delhi; and

b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DDA is undertaking the plantation in the green areas as per the approved layout plan of the Pitampura, Details are as follows:—

(i) Distt. Parks

(ii) Neighbourhood Parks

(iii) Plantation in Parks of DDA Group Housing Pockets.

(iv) Road side plantation.

Assessment of house tax

3213. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rates of the land recently enhanced by Government in respect of places classified under the various categories in the capital area applicable for calculating the cost of land for determining the standard rent for the purpose of assessment of house tax;

(b) if so, the details of pre-revised rates of land under these categories in the Capital during the last five years yearwise; and

(c) whether the actual cost of land paid to the Delhi Development Authority by the plot holders for the allotment of plots on lease hold basis will only be accounted for, determining the standard rent for purpose of assessment of property tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The schedule of market rates laid down by Government for residential and commercial land in Delhi is mainly for the purpose of matters connected with administration of land leased by Government. However, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that these rates are treated as a piece of evidence for deter-